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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

On March 1, 2005, Arizona had 322,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 27,000 head from a year ago. Placements totaled 23,000 head, down 4,000 head from February 2004. During February, 24,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 1,000 head from last February.

On March 1, 2005, California had 515,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 15,000 head from March 2004. Placements totaled 49,000 head, down 7,000 head from a year ago. During February, 54,000 head were marketed, an increase of 2,000 head from last February.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on March 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2004 and 6 percent above March 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 8 percent below

2003. This is the second lowest placements for the month of February since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.45 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 277,000, 600-699 pounds were 308,000, 700-799 pounds were 526,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 412,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during February, 10 percent above 2004 and 7 percent above 2003.

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